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Dear Mr. Sutcliffe:

I am sure that the gentlemen on the Committee of the Bureau of Municipal Research will justify to the public the aims that the Bureau has set before itself, and from what I have heard and read of the material that has been published by the Bureau I feel sure that it is spreading abroad among the citizens much more intelligent views with regard to the direction of their affairs. However, I am hardly in a position to give an opinion with regard to what the Bureau might undertake with regard to special problems that will emerge at the present time. I have no doubt that much work will have to be done that will require most careful consideration when the war is over, but naturally my opinion is only of value in so far as it is formed on the basis of experience and work to which I have been forced to give sustained attention. I can see our own problems looming before us, and I am afraid that I shall have to confine my attention to seeking to solve them. I regret that the great demands on my income at the present time make it quite impossible for me to join any other organisation even though I am confident that you are doing a very good work.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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